Steps to Check Population Growth

262. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to deny the facilities to the persons having more children in order to check the population growth; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The proposed stand on disincentives is contained in paragraph 12.6.1 of the draft Statement on National Population Policy laid in the Lok Sabha in reply to Starred Question No. 156 on 2nd December, 1996.

The Constitution (Seventy-Ninth Amendment) Bill, 1992, proposes to disqualify persons from being chosen as, or being, a member of either House of Parliament or either House of a State Legislature, on the ground of having more than two children. This disqualification will be prospective in nature.

[English]

Manipal Academy of Higher Education

263. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Karnataka Government had requested the Union Government to withdraw the Deemed University status to the Manipal Academy of Higher Education; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Certain complaints against the Manipal Academy of Higher Education have been received from the Minister for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka. The matter is under examination in consultation with the University Grants Commission. The Institution has also been asked to reply to the various allegations.

Shifting of I.I.A.S., Shimla

264. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to shift the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, from its present premises;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the approximate cost of the proposed relocation;

(d) whether there has been a move to review the decision in the light of opposition from the governing body, possible adverse public reaction and heavy cost involved; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) The Government in 1982 inter-alia decided that while the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, would remain in Shimla, the exact premises where it would be housed may be gone into separately. The above decision has remained unimplemented as alternative sites considered were not found suitable. In May, 1990 it was decided that the Institute may be shifted to an alternative site, offered by the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the entire campus may be transferred to the Ministry of Tourism for being developed as a Tourist Resort by ITDC with the stipulation that the main building would not be used for tourist purposes. This decision, too, could not be implemented as the sites offered by the Government of Himachal Pradesh were either unsuitable or fell short of the Institute's requirements.

The decision to shift the Institute from the Rashtrapati Niwas is, therefore, not a new decision. It is reiteration of the decision taken in 1982. There is a suggestion before the Government to use Rashtrapati Niwas as a Retreat for visiting Heads of State(s) and Heads of Government(s) for conference/discussions in a secluded environment.

A communication from the Chairman of the Governing Body of the Institute seeking review of this decision has been received by the Government.

[Translation]

Darbhanga-Forbisganj Road

265. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme to develop Darbhanga-Nirmali Forbisganj Road of Bihar as a National Highway under the Rajiv Package is pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Government propose to clear the above scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Oral Pulse Polio

266. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :